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Attorney Docket No.: Enz-58(D1)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rabbani, et al. Group Art Unit: 1637

Appln. No.: 09/439,594 Examiner: Joyce Tung

For: DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF SPECIFIC TARGET NUCLEIC ACID
SEQUENCES THROUGH STEM-LOOP FORMATION

Filing Date: June 12, 1999

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.114

a. [] Previously submitted

c. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____

ci. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ci. [] Other

b. [x] Enclosed

c. [] Amendment / Reply

ci. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

ci. [x] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ci. [] Other-Response to Advisory Action

2. Miscellaneous

a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103 (c) for a period of _____ months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months, Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)

b. [] Other _____

3. Fees

a. The application is on behalf of:

[] a large entity (\$770
[x] a small entity (\$385

b. Fees for additional claims is shown below:

[] Total: [number of new claims]-[20 or higher number previously paid for] = [8] x [] 18 (large entity) or x [] 9 (small entity) = \$0

Independent: [number of new claims]- [3 or higher number previously paid for] = 0 x [] 86 (large entity) or x [] 43 small entity = \$0

[x] No additional claims fees are required

c. Extension of Time

[] 1 month [] large entity \$110 [] small entity \$55
[] 2 months [] large entity \$420 [] small entity \$210
[] 3 months [] large entity \$950 [] small entity \$475

d. Total Fees due:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§1.17 (e))	\$385
Fee(s) for additional claims if any (§1.16(b)-(d))	\$
Extension of Time fee (if any) (§1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$
Total Fee Due	\$385

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this request for continued examination as follows:

[] Check is attached for the sum of	\$
[x] Charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 the sum of	\$385
[] Charge Credit Card the sum of	\$
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)	

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: December 31, 2003